

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 30 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 9, 11, 18, 20, 27 and 29 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 18 and 27 have been amended herein to delete the word "produce". This change does not affect the arguments set forth in the October 24, 2002 Amendment, consideration of which is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the entire application is still believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

9. (Twice Amended) A method of trimming a parametric surface comprising:
mapping a trimming texture on the parametric surface to create a trimmed section
and a rendered section, the trimming texture being mapped by texture mapping; and
rendering the parametric surface based on an application of the trimming texture to
[produce] a plurality of polygons approximating the parametric surface.

18. (Amended) An article comprising a computer-readable medium that stores
instructions for use in trimming a parametric surface, the instruction for causing the
computer to:

map a trimming texture on the parametric surface to create a trimmed section and a
rendered section, the trimming texture being mapped by texture mapping; and
render the parametric surface based on an application of the trimming texture to
[produce] a plurality of polygons approximating the parametric surface.

27. (Amended) An apparatus comprising a computer-readable medium that stores
instructions for use in trimming a parametric surface, the instruction for causing the
computer to:

map a trimming texture on the parametric surface to create a trimmed section and a
rendered section; and

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render the parametric surface based on an application of the trimming texture to
[produce] a plurality of polygons approximating the parametric surface.